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Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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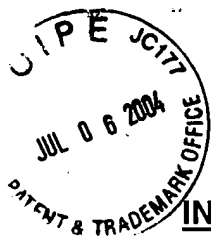
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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above. Moreover, the applicants elect, presumably for purposes of initial search, the sequence of SEQ ID NO:20, in response to the Examiner's requirement for species election on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action dated June 3, 2004. All of the claims of the elected Group are believed to read on the elected species.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as search of all the claimed subject matter is not believed to place an undue burden on the Examiner.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

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The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned if anything further is required in response to the Office Action of June 3, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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